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The Guevara Affair

Sir: A full-blown double-cross hoax seldom appears in world affairs. Recently we were treated to a classic example.

Dr. Ernesto Che (Hi Mac) Guevara died in the spring of 1965, probably from complications of his acute asthma. His shade was kept alive by the Castro people in order that it might haunt the Latin American oligarchs and their imperialistic friends. This stratagem worked effectively until some CIA wizard decided to put him in the flesh in Bolivia in order to force the United States State Department and the Pentagon to give more military assistance to the Andean country.

boys who tyrannize this stricken country.

The Bolivians, after showing obviously fraudulent photographs to the OAS, had to kill off their stooge in order to preserve their integrity. This was fine with Dr. Castro who had had the tables turned against him. He now has an authentic martyr rather than a tired revolutionary who died quietly and undramatically in his bed.

This is the version of the affair which is currently accepted by most Latin Americanists and Cubanologists. I have a list of more than a score of facts which attest to its accuracy.

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